der Operation Flood II during the Sixth Five Year Plan i.e. 1980-81 to 1984-85:—

Particulars	By the end of 1984-85 (Cummulative)	
	Targets	Achievements
1. Rural dairy processing capacity (LLPD)	76.00	87.75
2. Urban Milk Marketing (LLPD)	43 00	50.11
3. No. of Dairy Cooperative Societies.	29007	34523
4. No. of farmer members (lakhs)	34 80	36 31
5. Average Milk Procurement (LLPD)	55.30	57.84

LLPD-Lakh Litres Per day.

(i) Operation Flood III would endeavour to build further on the moundation laid under Operation Flood II in the country, during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Price of potato

1201. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of potato has fallen considerably even below the cost production; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to support the agriculturists in realising reasonable price for their produce through the market intervention scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) In order to ensure that market prices of potato do not fall to unremunerative levels, Government have evolved a market intervention scheme for the crop. Market intervation operations through designated State agencies are authorised by Government, on consideration of proposals received from a State Government which either anticipates that market prices will fall to unremunerative level or finds that this has actualy taken place. The level of intervention price is fixed by Government in consultation with the concerned State Government.

For the current (1986-87) crop of potato, Government have agreed in principle to a market intervention scheme in U.P at the instance of the State Government. Intervention prices have been fixed at Rs. 65 per quintal for the White variety and Rs. 55 per quintal for the Red variety. So far market prices of the specified quality of these varieties have not fallen below the intervention price levels in that State. No such proposal has been received from any other State Government.

Procurement price of sugareane

1202. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fart that a delegation of near] five hundred farmers from various parts of the county met the Prime Minister during the third week of December, 1986 to seek an increase in the procurement price of sugarcane and payment of arrears to farmers to the tune of Rs. 26 crores; and

(b) if so, whether Government have since considered their demands and decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Les, Sir. About 400 persons from various States met the Prime Minister on 16-12-1986 and